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This settlement won't work. Microsoft violated the last consent decree it signed, and it will violate this one, too. Settling for the weak conduct correction measures is tantamount to giving parole to a repeat parole violator. The Department of Justice should get behavioral remedies at least as strong as those recommended by Ralph Nader. Possibly even hit MS with a monetary penalty. In order for the penalty to have maximum effectiveness, it would be ideal if the penalty were something like forcing Microsoft to donate \$2 billion to the Free Software Foundation, or as a non-returnable investment spread over the industry in its competitors as a "gift" for abusing its monopoly. I would personally prefer a break-up of Microsoft entirely so that the Windows monopoly can't be exploited to expand in to new markets at all.

I don't know why the DOJ is trying so hard to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Microsoft is thumbing its nose at the Department of Justice with Windows XP, and the DOJ settles. Never mind the plethora of new attempts to leverage Windows monopoly that XP contains. Forget the fact that Microsoft is selling the XBox at around \$100 loss in a gambit to expand its monopoly to the video game console market.

Please don't let Microsoft get away with its flagrant abuse of the law and its monopoly.

Thank you for your time.  
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